



TO THE RIGHT
HONOURABLE
 The Knights, Citizens and Bur-
 gesses assembled in
PARLIAMENT.

*The humble Petition of the Officers and Souldiers of
 the two Regiments of Foot, of the Garrison of Glo-
 cester.*

Humbly sheweth,

THat with equall patience and faithful-
 nesse, they have a long time expected those
 Arrears, which it pleased the Parliament
 somewhat above two yeares since to pro-
 mise them, That the pay of the Officer
 ever since, hath been (through the necessi-
 ty of the common Souldier) kept back, the whole Coun-
 ty under the Parliaments power, being not able to pay
 both, whereby at least fifty thousand pounds, is due to
 your Petitioners; That they have had little hopes of pay-
 ment, till it should please God *Barkley* Division should

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be reduced, That the Souldiery in generall, have been constrained to accept of small allowances in stead of their pay, twelve pence a week being the scantling, that many times, they were inforced to content themselves withall; That the weekly contribution, in the whole, is much inferiour, to the charge of Horse and Foot most requisite to be kept and maintained there; That with much industry, they exposed the lives of many of their friends to losse, and themselves to any hazard, for reducing of the Garrison of *Barkley*, the very hopes whereof, hath so long sustained, their drooping resolution. But in conclusion, that place being reduced, they understand, it is the solicitous indeavour of some, to allienate that whole Division, (almost halfe the pay of the Garrisons) from your Petitioners, (notwithstanding severall Ordinances of Parliament to the contrary) and to have it conferred upon other forces, which if obtained, One of the Regiments of Foot, and most part of the Horse, must be disbanded, and consequently *Gloucester*, *Tewksbury*, and all other parts of the County, which alwayes have been, and now is the Frontier to *Hereford*, *Monmouth*, *Gotheridge*, *Worcester*, and *Oxford*, must of necessity fall, and be left to the prey of the Enemy, and your Petitioners wholly destitute of satisfaction of their great arrears, and of any present maintenance for their livelyhood.

And therefore humbly pray, that the City and County of *Gloucester*, so well deserving, may not bee thereby ruined, which cannot but tend to the great dis-service of the Parliament and Kingdome, And that the bread allotted to your Petitioners, may not bee taken from their

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their mouthes to feed others, who have not served the Parliament with more faithfulness or affection, but that they may receive the reward of their patient expectations, in enjoying the whole Contributions of the County of *Gloucester*, according to severall Ordinances of Parliament already made in that behalfe, (the which and other the premisses will more clearly appear in and by the Remonstrance hereunto annexed.) And your Petitioners further pray, that the Money allotted for cloathing of the common souldiers of both the Regiments last Winter, and no part thereof received, may (according to severall Ordinances of Parliament in that behalfe made) be forthwith provided, whereby the souldiers may be clothed this Winter, and so receive some fruit of many forepast promises made unto them, the better to enable them to doe further service for the Parliament, their Country and Kingdome,

And your Petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

The names of the Officers that subscribed.

Charles Blunt.

Peter Crispe.

William White.

Robert Malary.

William Forster.

John Ward.

John Brotherton.

Christopher Elsing.

Richard Mathewes.

Edward Kydar.

Humphrey Mathewes.

Isaac Dobson.

William Singleton.

Thomas Pury.

Robert Stevenson.

Thomas Chapman.

Edward Risall.

Ed. Nurse.

William Clarck.



The humble Remonstrance of the
Militia of the Garrisons of *Glou-*
cester to the Honourable House
 of Commons.

I *Mprimis* that the two Regiments of Foote now in *Gloucester* were in arrears and great exigences for want of money before the Seige, but upon the faithfull service of that City, the Parliament was pleased the fifteen of *September* 1643. to order that the Arrears of that Garrison should be forthwith cast up, and paid unto them, which being accordingly done by the Auditors for them, there was due to the Earle of *Stanfords* Regiment, almost thirteen thousand pounds, and to Colonel *Stephens* Regiment almost six thousand pounds, in the whole neere nineteen thousand pounds, which as yet is wholly unpaid.

2. That ever since the Officers of both the said Regiments have beene in continuall Arrears, unlesse some small allowance of late by assignations, out of part of *Barkley* devision, the residue being either under the power of the Enemy, or else in those parts of the County that are much impoverished, besides there is due at this present to the said Regiments above fifty thousand pounds, which deserves the providence of the Parliament

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to determine which way it shall be discharged.

3. That the next ensuing Winter after the Seige of *Gloucester* by reason of the unhappy designe acted by Major *Backhouse*, about the delivery up of *Gloucester*, for a reward of two thousand pound, whereof he received three hundred pound in hand, the Enemy were so generally invited to that purchase, that six or seven thousand of them quartered in the said County of *Gloucester*, whereby the money, and Forces designed by the Parliament, for that Garrison and County, was altogether hindred from the releife intended for that Garrison, the Officers altogether unpaid, and the Common Souldiers necessitated to live upon twelve pence, eighteen pence, or two shillings a weeke at the most, and thereby the County was not onely impoverished, but the Arrears of the said two Regiments very much increased.

4. That for the most part of that yeare the Enemy kept nine Garrisons in the said County of *Gloucester*, whereby the whole County were so much taxed by both parties, that hardly for a month together the said Regiments could receive their weekly pay, and many times were constrained to accept of small allowances for their present maintenance whereby the Arrears still increased.

5. Three parts of foure in the whole County are so disabled by bearing almost the whole charge, that unlesse some addition had timely been made it had been impossible for them to have any longer subsisted, and for the Forrest division, which carries a great share in the contribution, it is so totally plundered and spoiled, that they doe not, nor can pay the tenth part of their Assessments, and for the other two divisions the Enemy hath so great

a part in the one, and the Souldiery necessitated so much to lye upon the other, that it is thought not onely unreasonable, but impossible that they should continue so great a Taxation.

6. Besides the weekly quarter and pay which came out of *Barkely* devision, (though not in proportion to the Tax) the future expectation of reducing that part of the County did much incourage the needy Souldier to his Service, which should it be frustrated, would seeme very hard and unjust, that other Garrisons who have been better paid should enjoy the fruits of their care and labour.

7. At this time there being a Regiment of Horse of the Governours, added to *Gloucester Militia*, the whole County is devided into assignations for Foot and Horse, and it hath beene the worke of above a whole yeare for the Committee to compose and frame a way for the settlement thereof, the which should it now be disjoynted, would render it selfe impossible againe to be rectified, the Gentlemen of the Committee seeing themselves thrust upon impossibilities, much discouraged, the Souldier exceedingly alienated, the residue of the Country, (which have been at continuall charge of paying in great part of that share which belonged to others) quite destroyed, and so great a discomposure of the whole worke, which now in some measure is regulated betwixt the Committee and Souldiery, that the Garrisons must either be sleighted for the future or be put upon that troublesome Exigency to sollicite the Parliament for weekly maintenance.

8. The weekly pay of the two Regiments of Foote, and the Governours Regiment of Horse, with other necessary charges incident thereunto, doe amount at least
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to fifteen hundred pound a weeke, and the contributions of the County of *Gloucester*; doth in the whole amount but unto a eleven hundred pound a weeke, and the proportion out of the County intended to *Bristol*, is thereof six hundred pound a weeke, so that five hundred pound a weeke only will remaine for the maintenance of all the said *Gloucester* Forces, which is not sufficient maintenance but for one Regiment of Foote, and two Troopes of Horse, a number incompetent for the preservation of the City of *Gloucester* alone.

9. That at least thirteene hundred Foote must be allowed for the defence of *Gloucester*, against an approaching Enemy, and five hundred for *Tewkesbury*, besides five other frontier Garrisons in the said County of *Gloucester*, and yet the said two Regiments of Foote, doe and must maintaine those severall Garrisons so long untill it shall please God, that *Oxford*, *Worcester*, *Hereford* and *Monmouth* be reduced, which lie so upon the limits of *Gloucestershire*, otherwise, if for the present and as things now stand, the Forces should be diminisht, the Enemy might and would plunder and spoyle the Country to the very walls of the City.

10. That the often and frequent marches of the Armies both of the Parliament, and the Enemy in and through the said County of *Gloucester*, and the keeping of many Garrisons by the Enemy as aforesaid, together with the late marching of the *Scots* in and through *Gloucestershire*, hath so much impoverished it, especially those parts that bordered neere and upon their Leagure, that in case the whole eleven hundred pound a weeke shall bee continued it cannot be expected that two parts thereof can be collected and paid to the said Forces and Garrisons of *Gloucester*.

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11. To take away that division of *Barkeley*, which doth almost halfe pay the Forces, is not onely against the Justice, but severall Ordinances of Parliament made for the maintenance of the Souldiery of *Gloucester*, who believe they have done as faithfull Service for the Kingdome as those to whom the Parliament shall be pleased to shew greater favours.

And therefore doe most humbly pray that they may injoy that part of their livelyhood, without which they cannot conceive a means for their future subsistence, or that the County can be maintained in a posture or condition able to defend it selfe against the Enemy, in case the like attempts should be made as formerly hath been by them.

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